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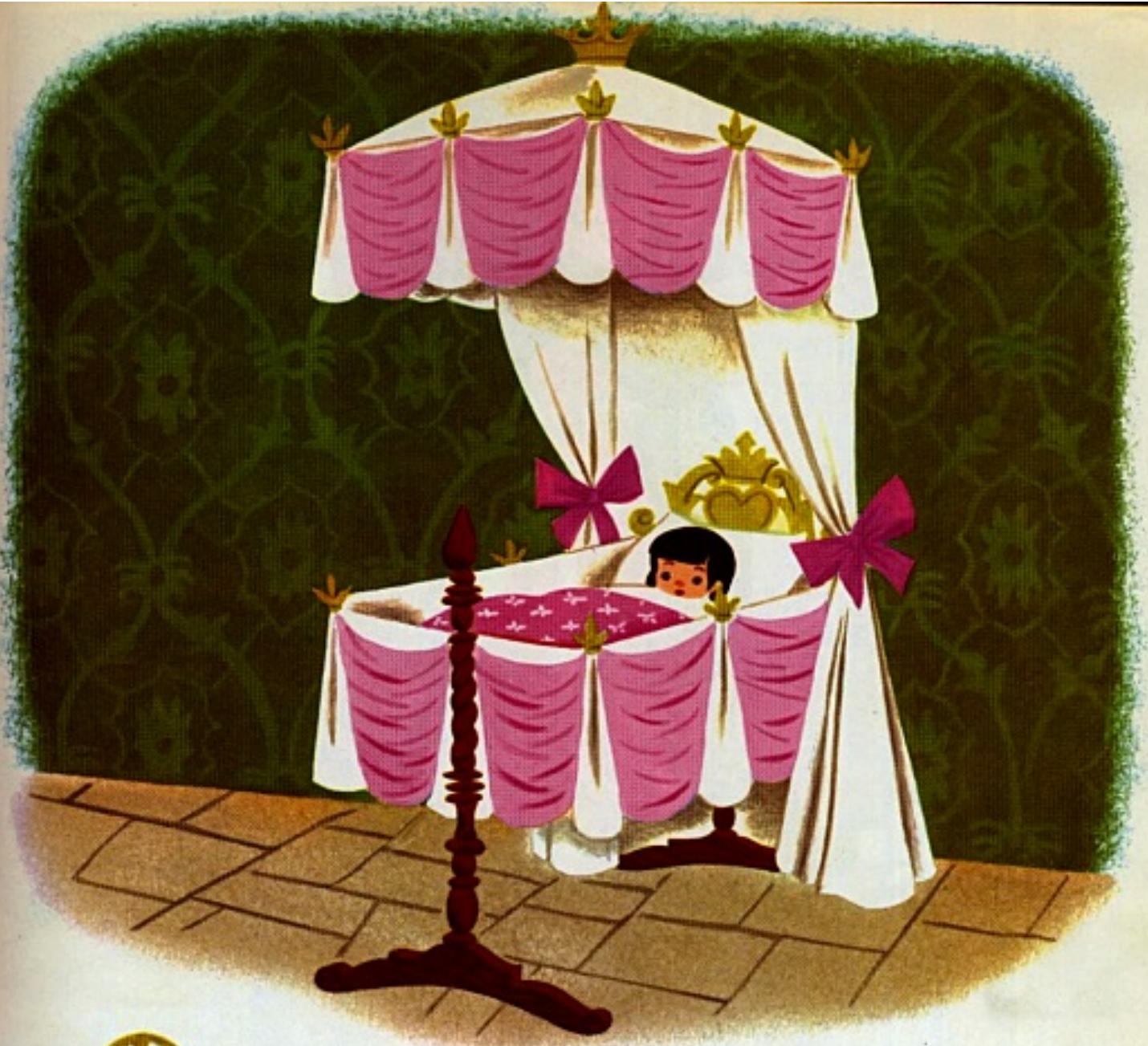
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ONCE UPON A TIME, in a far-away land, a lovely Queen sat by her window sewing. As she worked, she pricked her finger with her needle. Three drops of blood fell on the snow-white linen.

"How happy I would be if I had a little girl with lips as red as blood, skin as white as snow, and hair as black as ebony," thought the Queen.

When spring came, her wish was granted. A little daughter was born to the Queen, and she was all her mother had desired. But the Queen's happiness was brief. Holding her lovely baby in her arms, she whispered, "Little Snow White!" and then she died.





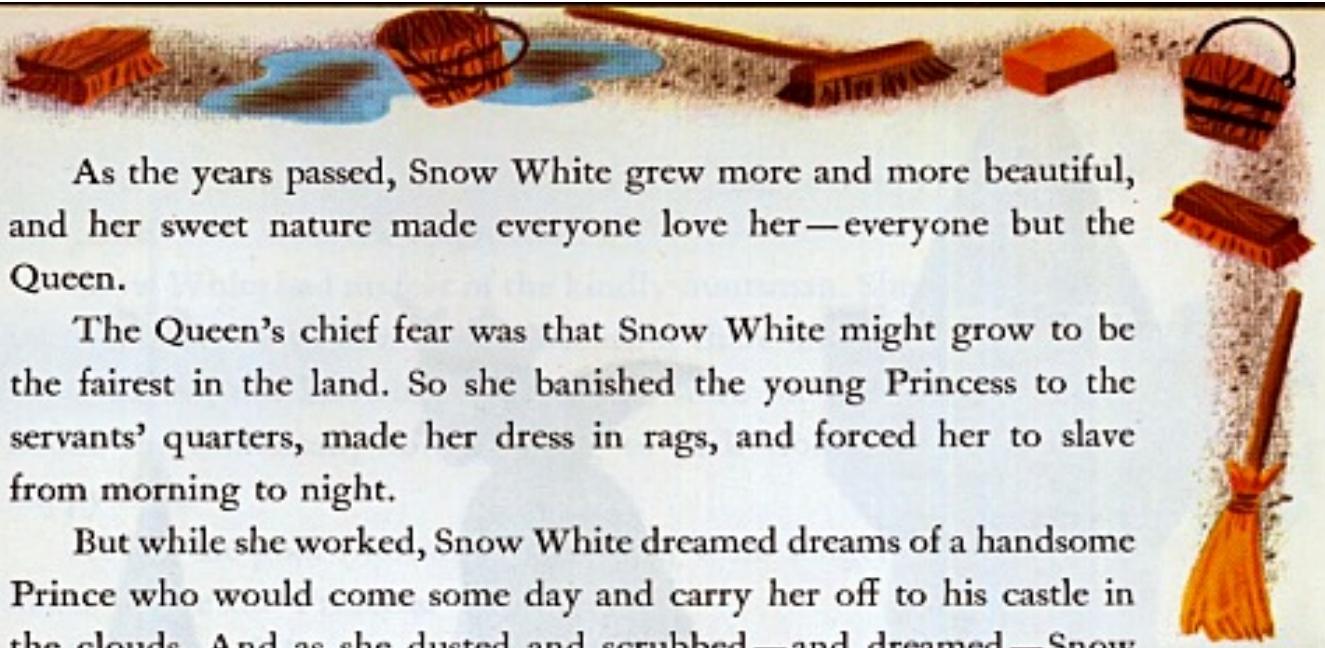
When the lonely King married again, his new Queen was beautiful, but, alas, she was also heartless and cruel. She was jealous of all the lovely ladies of the kingdom, but most jealous of all of the lovely little Princess.

Now the Queen's most prized possession was a magic mirror. Every day she looked into it and asked:

*"Mirror, mirror on the wall,  
Who is the fairest of us all?"*

If the mirror replied that she was fairest in the land, all was well. But if another lady was named, the Queen flew into a furious rage and had her killed.





As the years passed, Snow White grew more and more beautiful, and her sweet nature made everyone love her—everyone but the Queen.

The Queen's chief fear was that Snow White might grow to be the fairest in the land. So she banished the young Princess to the servants' quarters, made her dress in rags, and forced her to slave from morning to night.

But while she worked, Snow White dreamed dreams of a handsome Prince who would come some day and carry her off to his castle in the clouds. And as she dusted and scrubbed—and dreamed—Snow White grew more beautiful day by day.





At last came the day the Queen had been dreading. She asked:

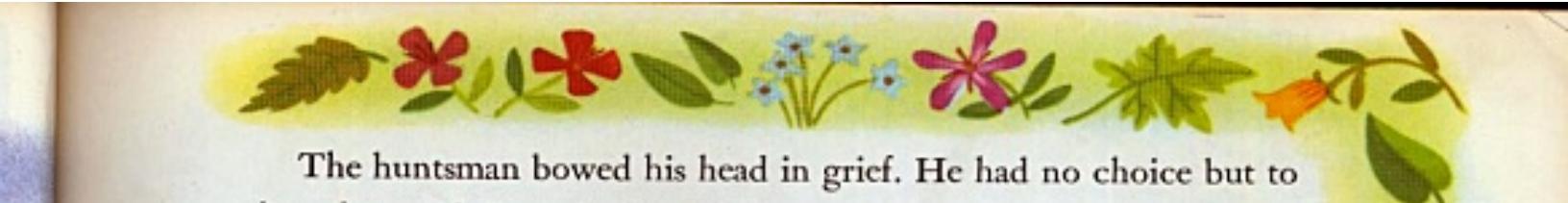
*"Mirror, mirror on the wall,  
Who is the fairest of us all?"*

and the mirror replied:

*"Her lips blood red, her hair like night,  
Her skin like snow, her name—Snow White!"*

Pale with anger, the Queen rushed from the room and called her huntsman to her.

"Take the Princess into the forest and bring me back her heart in this jeweled box," she said.

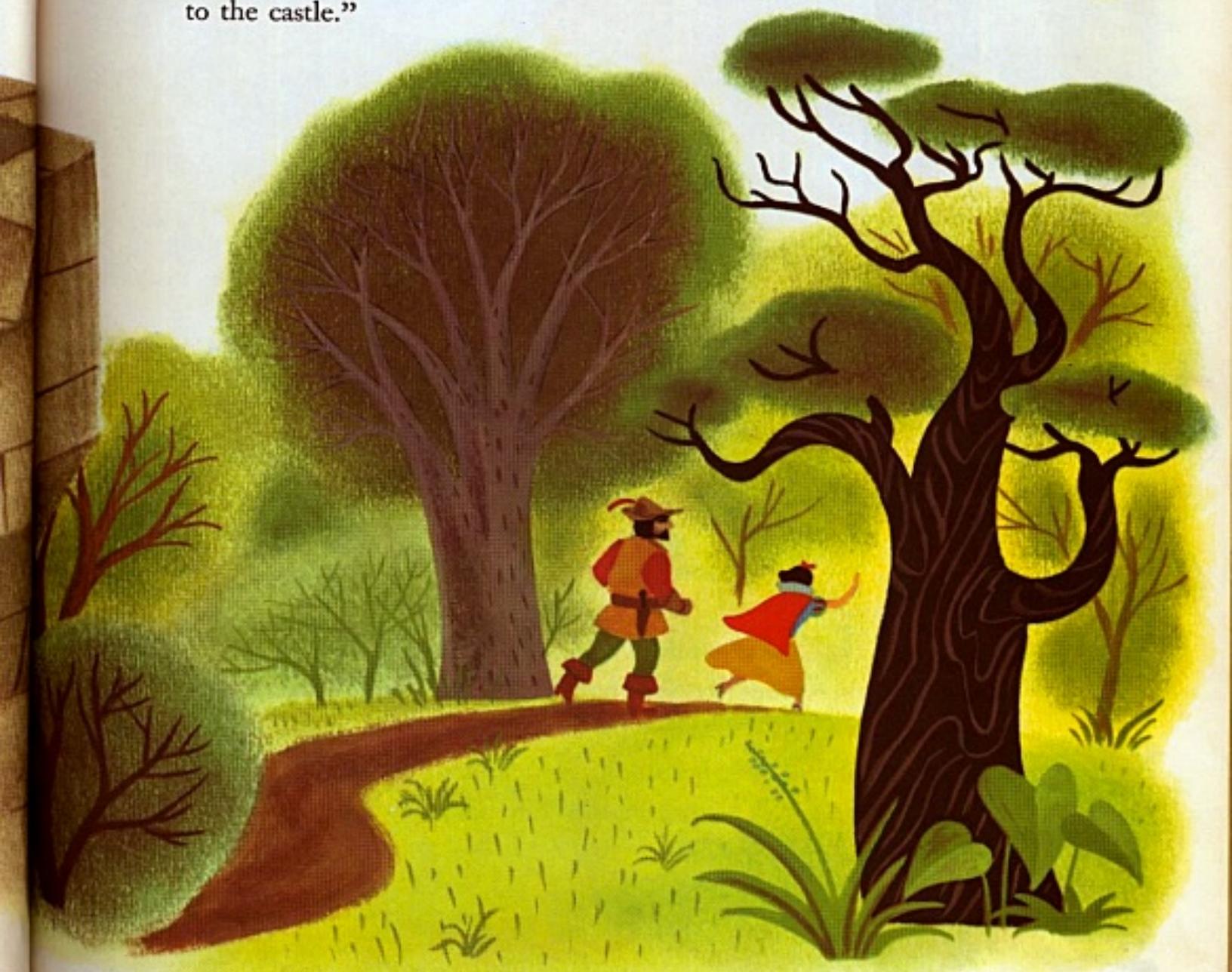


The huntsman bowed his head in grief. He had no choice but to obey the cruel Queen's commands.

Snow White had no fear of the kindly huntsman. She went happily into the forest with him. It was beautiful there among the trees, and the Princess, not knowing what was in store for her, skipped along beside the huntsman, now stopping to pick violets, now singing a happy tune.

At last the poor huntsman could bear it no longer. He fell to his knees before the Princess.

"I cannot kill you, Princess," he said, "even though it is the Queen's command. Run into the forest and hide, and never return to the castle."





Then away went the huntsman. On his way back to the castle, he killed a small animal and took its heart in the jeweled box to the wicked Queen.

Alone in the forest, Snow White wept with fright. Deeper and deeper into the woods she ran, half blinded by tears. It seemed to her that roots of trees reached up to trip her ankles, that branches reached out to clutch at her dress as she passed.

At last, weak with terror, Snow White fell to the ground and lay there, sobbing her heart out.

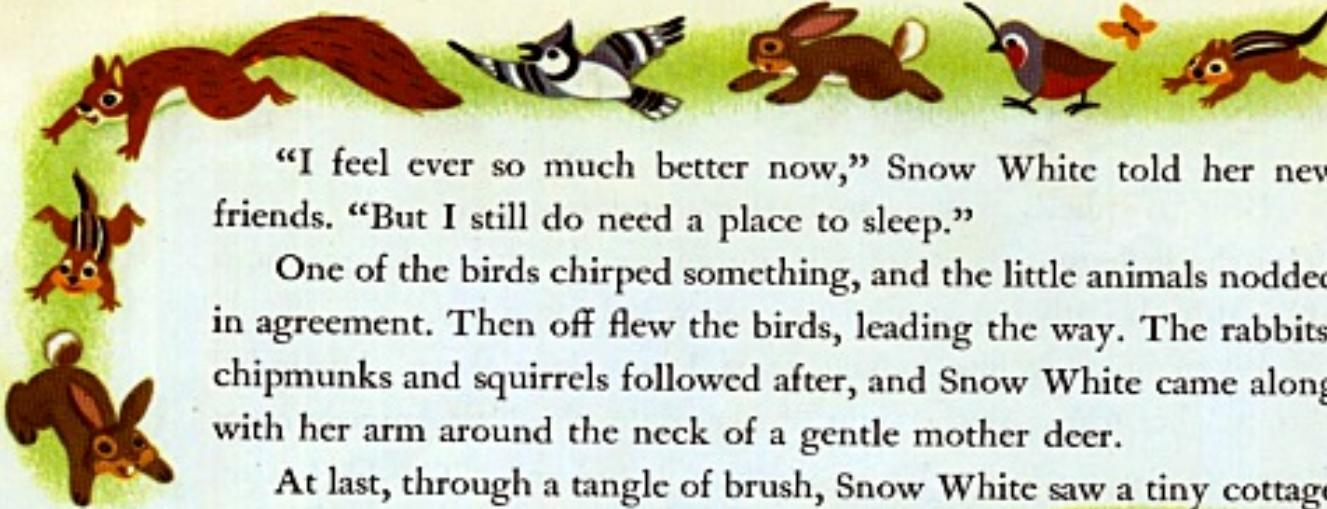




Ever so quietly, out from burrows and nests and hollow trees crept the little woodland animals. Bunnies and chipmunks, raccoons and squirrels gathered around to keep watch over her.

When Snow White looked up and saw them there, she smiled through her tears. At the sight of her smile, the little animals crept closer, snuggling in her lap or nestling in her arms. The birds sang their gayest melodies, and the little forest clearing was filled with joy.

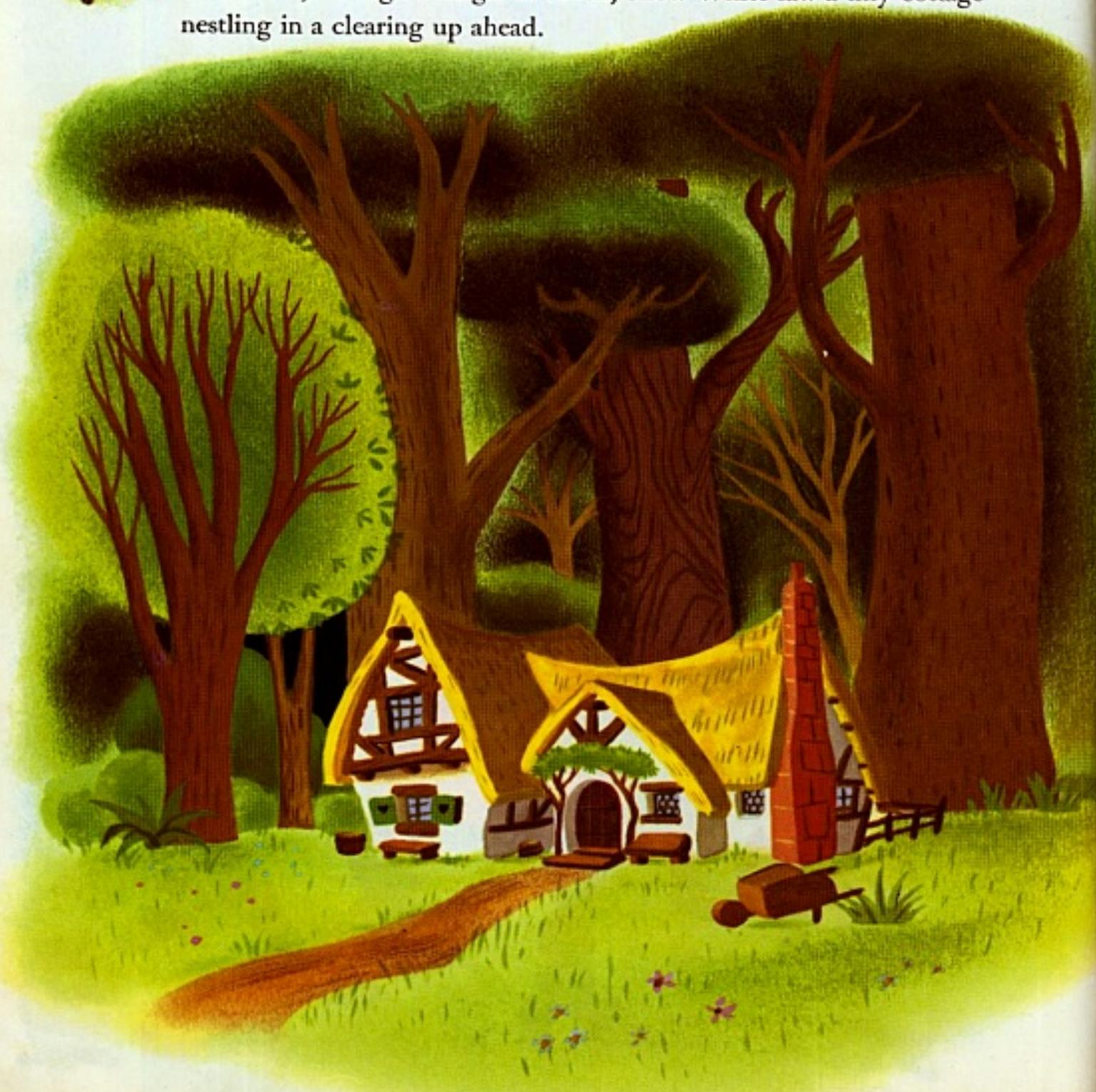




"I feel ever so much better now," Snow White told her new friends. "But I still do need a place to sleep."

One of the birds chirped something, and the little animals nodded in agreement. Then off flew the birds, leading the way. The rabbits, chipmunks and squirrels followed after, and Snow White came along with her arm around the neck of a gentle mother deer.

At last, through a tangle of brush, Snow White saw a tiny cottage nestling in a clearing up ahead.





"How sweet!" she cried. "It's just like a doll's house," and she clapped her hands in delight.

Skipping across a little bridge to the house, Snow White peeked in through one window pane. There seemed to be no one at home, but the sink was piled high with cups and saucers and plates which looked as though they had never been washed. Dirty little shirts and wrinkled little trousers hung over chairs, and everything was blanketed with dust.

"Maybe the children who live here have no mother," said Snow White, "and need someone to take care of them. Let's clean their house and surprise them."





So in she went, followed by her forest friends. Snow White found an old broom in the corner and swept the floor, while the little animals all did their best to help.

Then Snow White washed all the crumpled little clothes, and set a kettle of delicious soup to bubbling on the hearth.

"Now," she said to the animals, "let's see what is upstairs."

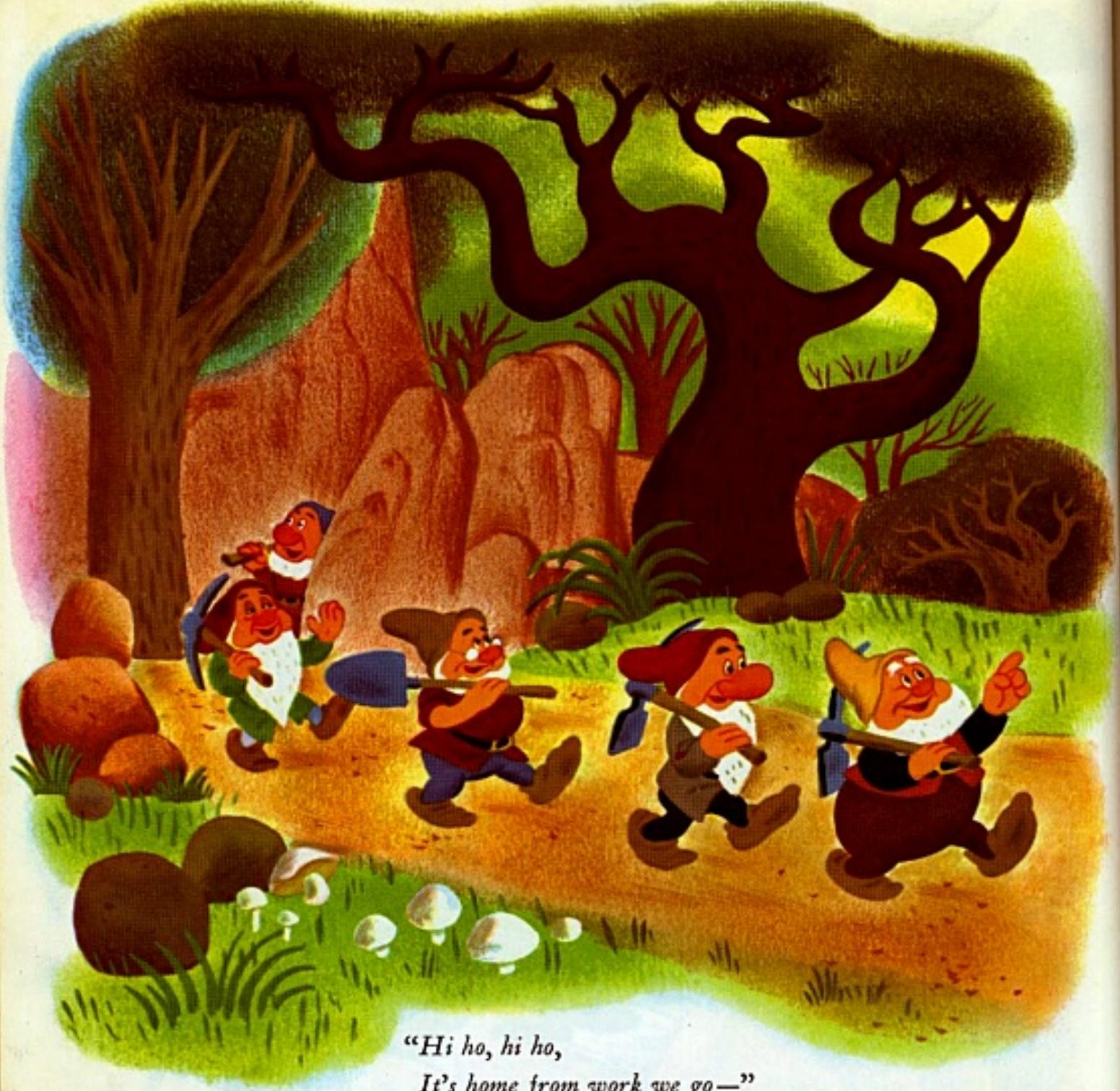
Upstairs they found seven little beds in a row.



"Why, they have their names carved on them," said Snow White.  
"Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Dopey—such funny names for children!  
Grumpy, Bashful, Sleepy! My, I'm a little sleepy myself!"

Yawning, she sank down across the little beds and fell asleep.  
Quietly the little animals stole away, and the birds flew out the  
window. All was still in the little house in the forest.





*"Hi ho, hi ho,  
It's home from work we go—"*

Seven little men came marching through the woods, singing on their way. As they came in sight of their cottage, they stopped short. Smoke was curling from the chimney, and the door was standing open!

"Look! Someone's in our house!"

"Maybe a ghost—er a goblin—er a demon!"

"I knew it," said one, with a grumpy look. "Been warning you for two hundred years something awful was about to happen!"





At last, on timid tiptoe, in they went.

"Someone's stolen our dishes," growled the grumpy one.

"No, they're hidden in the cupboard," said Happy, with a grin.  
"But hey! My cup's been washed! Sugar's all gone!"

At that moment a sound came from upstairs. It was Snow White yawning and turning in her sleep.

"It's up there—the goblin—er demon—er ghost!"

Shouldering their pickaxes, up the stairs they went, seven frightened little dwarfs.



Standing in a row at the foot of their beds, they stared at the sleeping Snow White.

"Wh-what is it?" whispered one. "It's mighty purty," said another. "Why, bless my soul, I think it's a girl!" said a third. And then Snow White woke up.

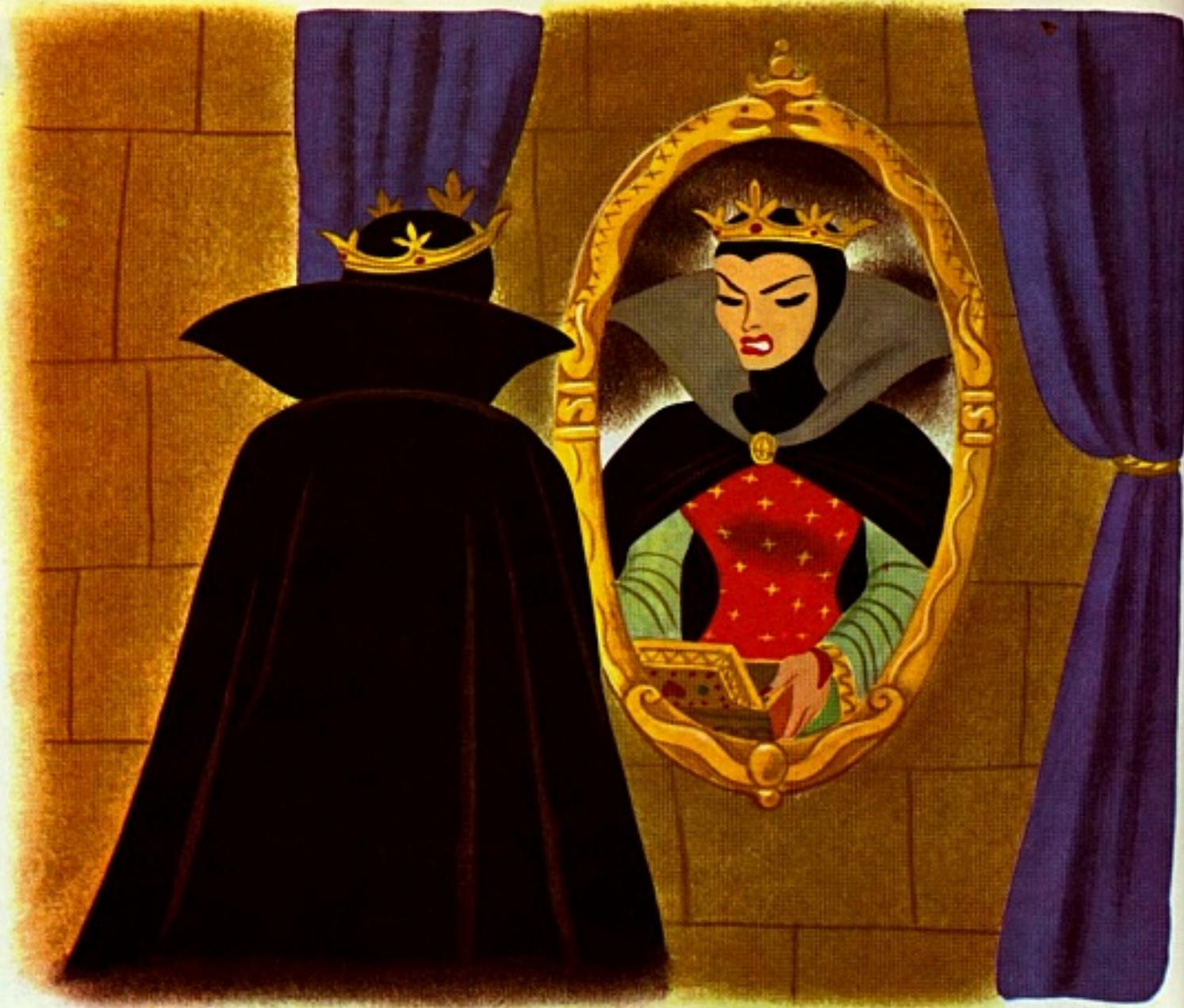
"Why, you're not children," she exclaimed. "You're little men. Let me see if I can guess your names." And she did—Doc and Bashful, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezy, and last of all Dopey and Grumpy, too.





"Supper is not quite ready," said Snow White. "You'll have just time to wash."

"Wash!" cried the little men with horror in their tones. They hadn't washed for oh, it seemed hundreds of years. But out they marched, when Snow White insisted. And it was worth it in the end. For such a supper they had never tasted. Nor had they ever had such an evening of fun. All the forest folk gathered around the cottage windows to watch them play and dance and sing.



Meanwhile, back at the castle, the huntsman had presented to the wicked Queen the box which, she thought, held Snow White's heart.

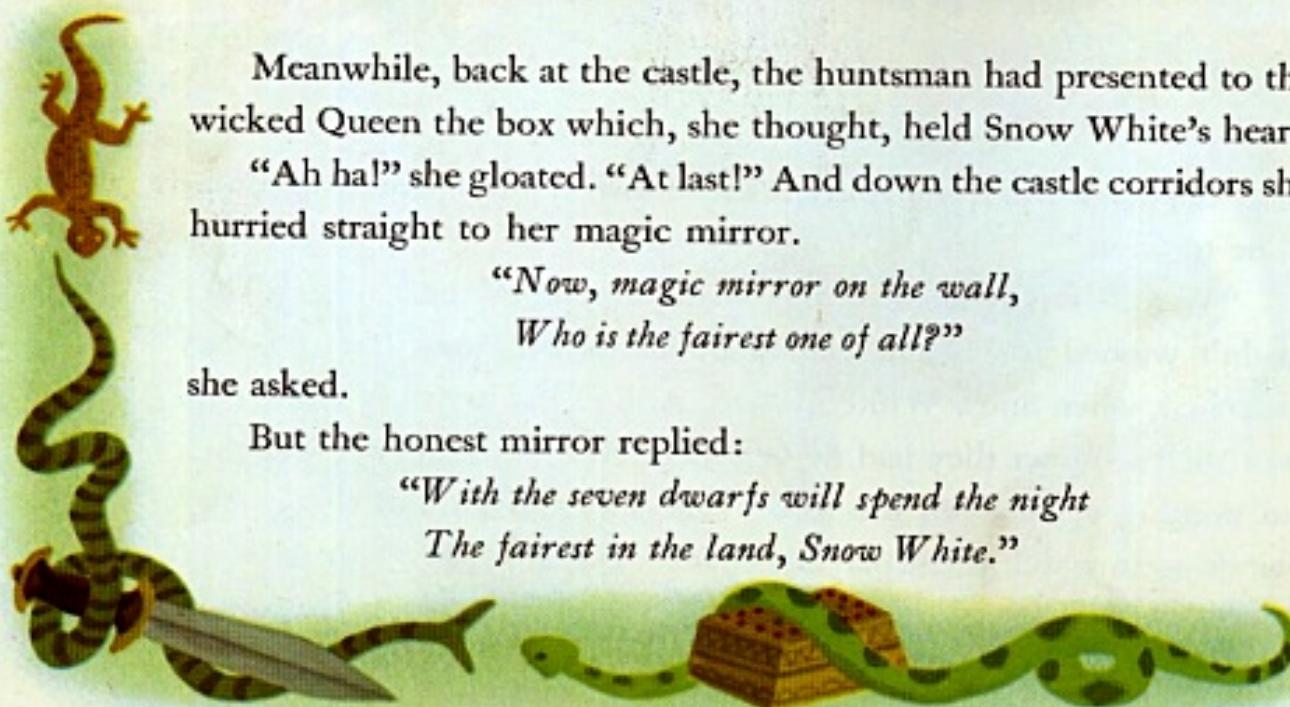
"Ah hal!" she gloated. "At last!" And down the castle corridors she hurried straight to her magic mirror.

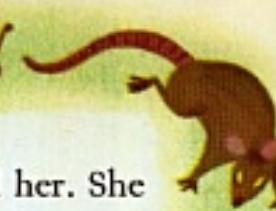
*"Now, magic mirror on the wall,  
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she asked.

But the honest mirror replied:

*"With the seven dwarfs will spend the night  
The fairest in the land, Snow White."*

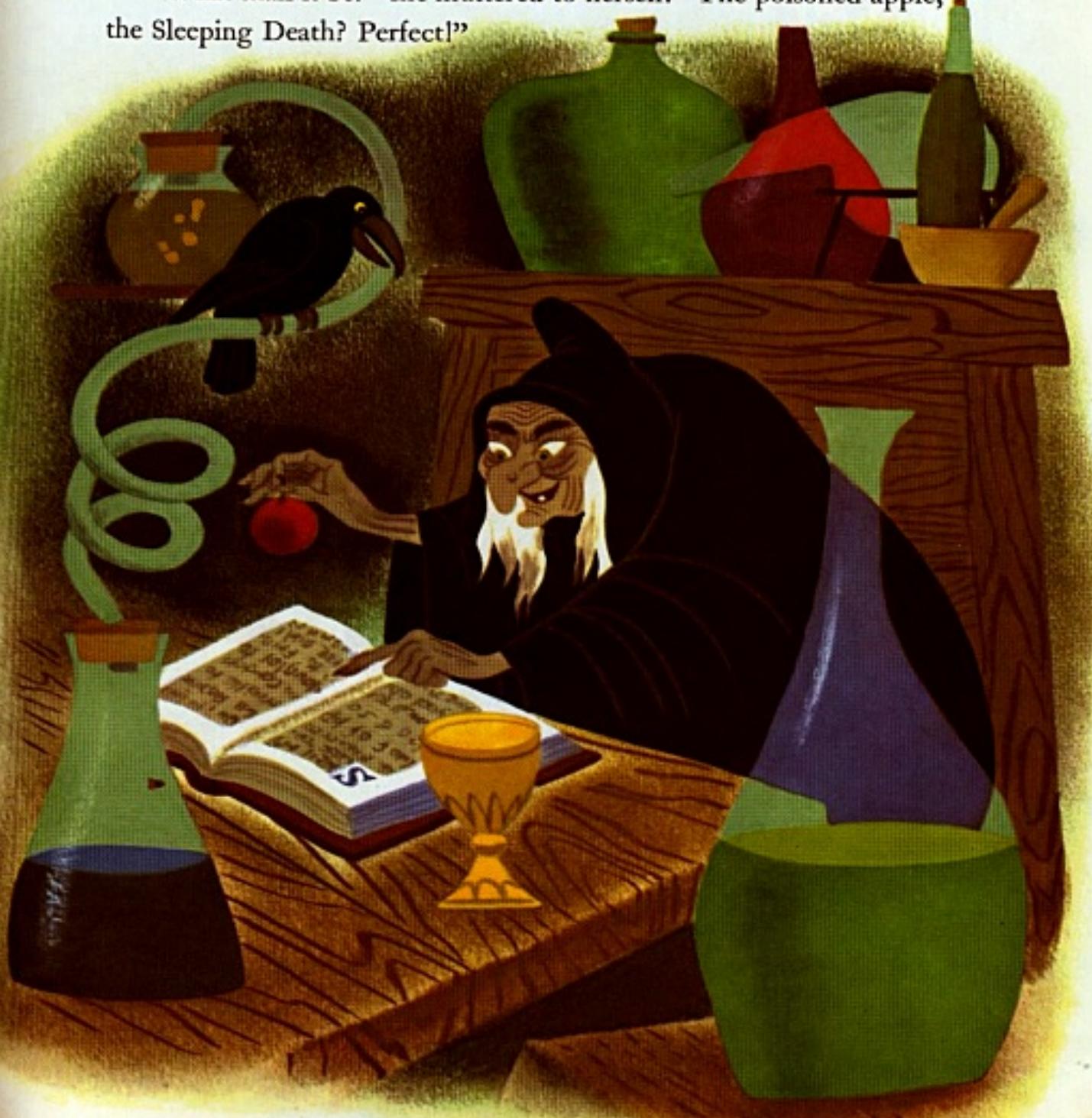


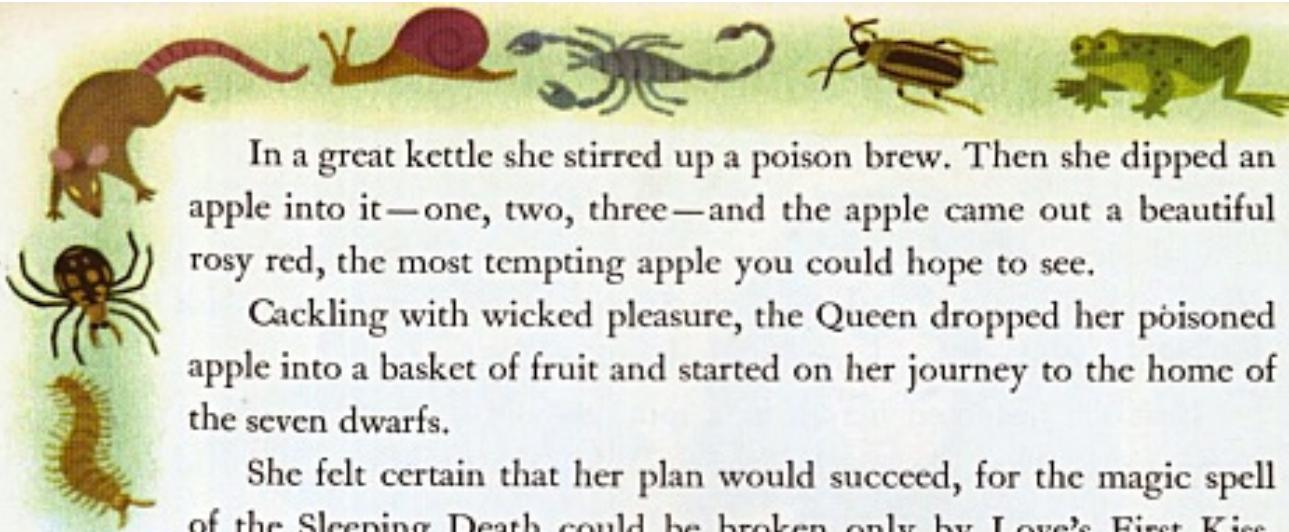


Then the Queen realized that the huntsman had tricked her. She flung the jeweled box at the mirror, shattering the glass into a thousand pieces. Then, shaking with rage, the Queen hurried down to a dark cave below the palace where she worked her Black Magic.

First she disguised herself as a toothless old woman dressed in tattered rags. Then she searched her books of magic spells for a horrid spell to work on Snow White.

“What shall it be?” she muttered to herself. “The poisoned apple, the Sleeping Death? Perfect!”



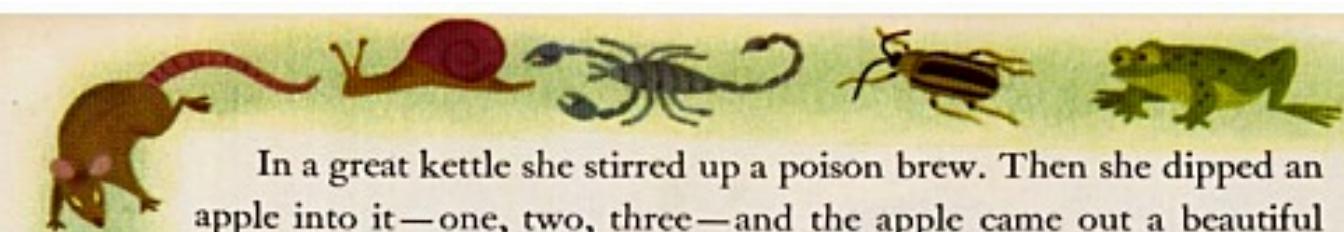


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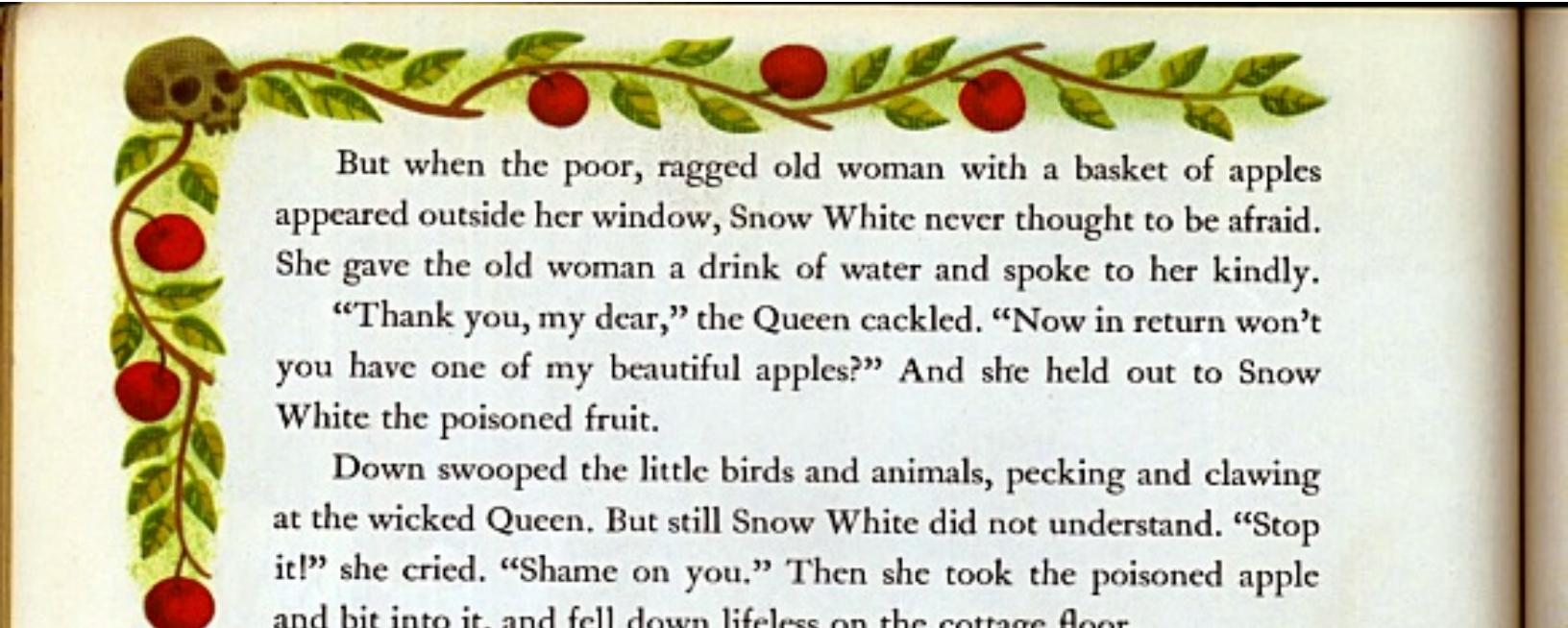


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But when the poor, ragged old woman with a basket of apples appeared outside her window, Snow White never thought to be afraid. She gave the old woman a drink of water and spoke to her kindly.

"Thank you, my dear," the Queen cackled. "Now in return won't you have one of my beautiful apples?" And she held out to Snow White the poisoned fruit.

Down swooped the little birds and animals, pecking and clawing at the wicked Queen. But still Snow White did not understand. "Stop it!" she cried. "Shame on you." Then she took the poisoned apple and bit into it, and fell down lifeless on the cottage floor.

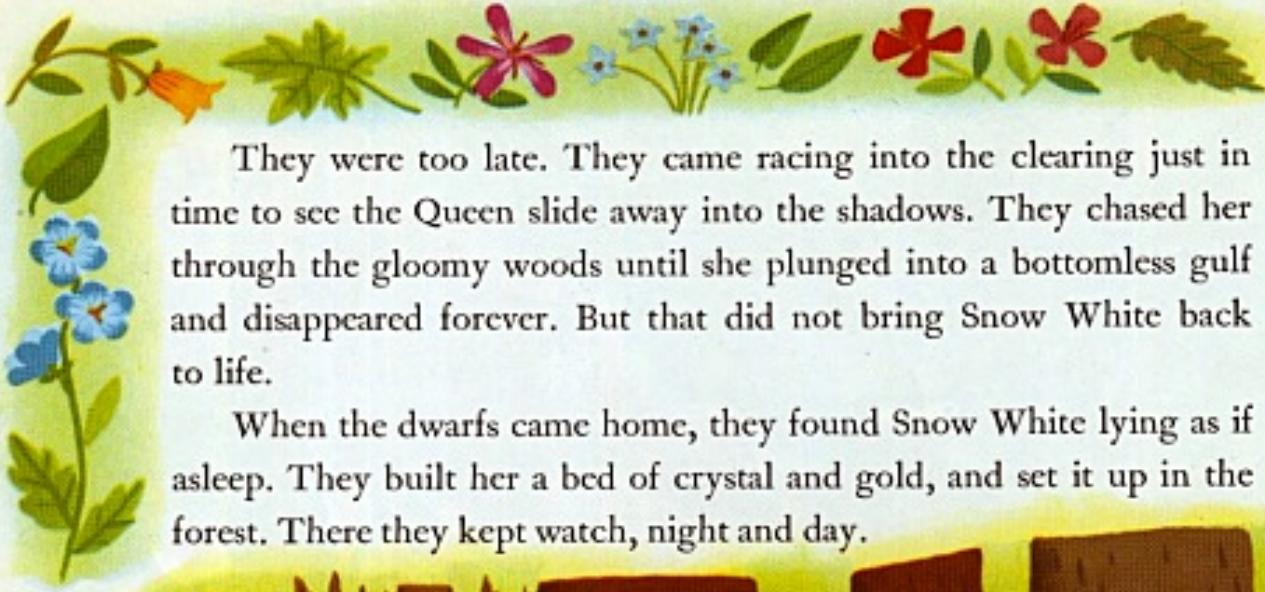




Away went the frantic birds and animals into the woods to warn the seven dwarfs. Now the dwarfs had decided among themselves not to do their regular jobs that day. Away at their mine they were hard at work, making a gift for Snow White, to tell her of their love.

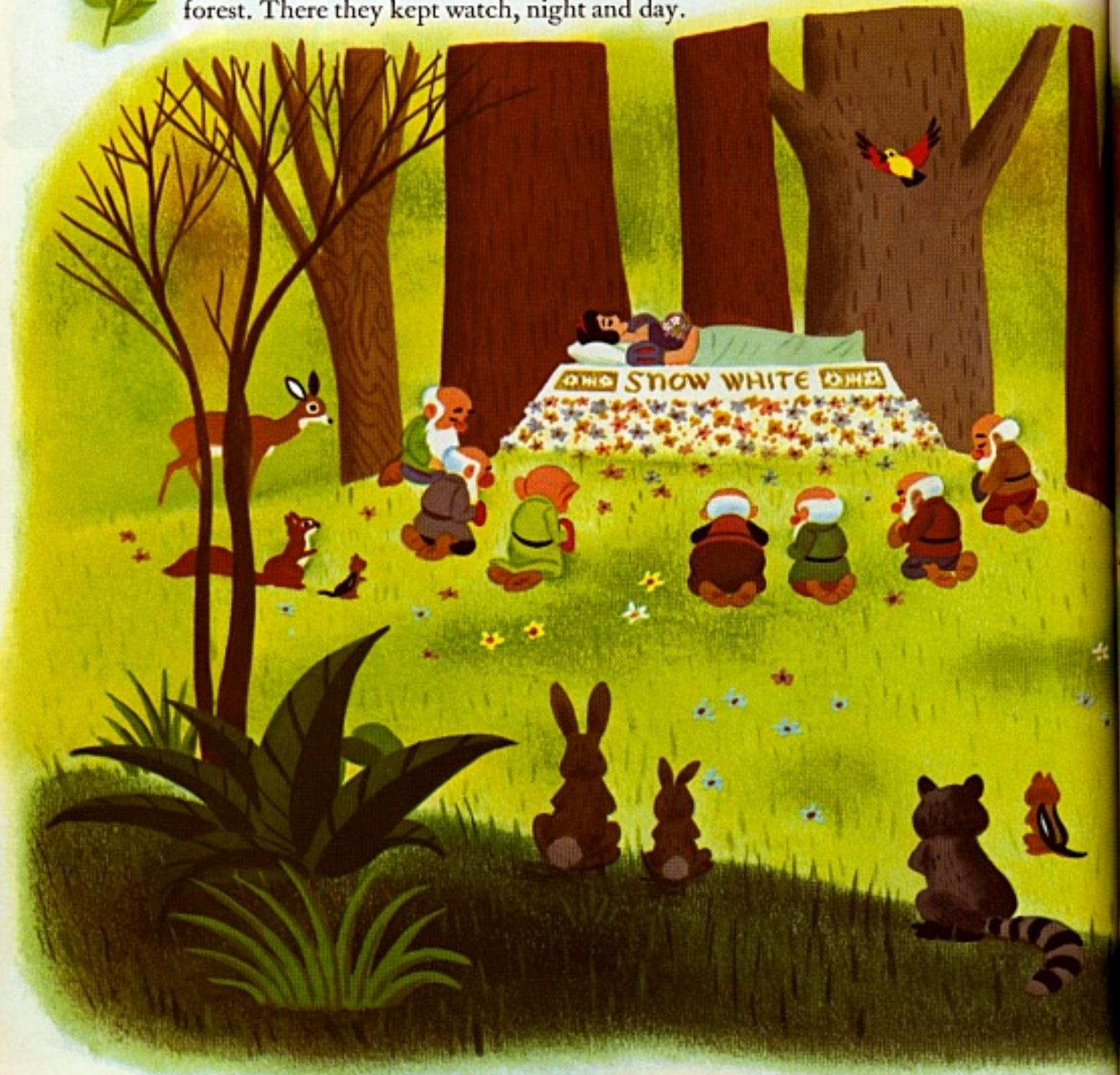
They looked up in surprise as the birds and animals crowded around them. At first they did not understand. Then they realized that Snow White must be in danger. "The Queen!" they cried, and they ran for home.





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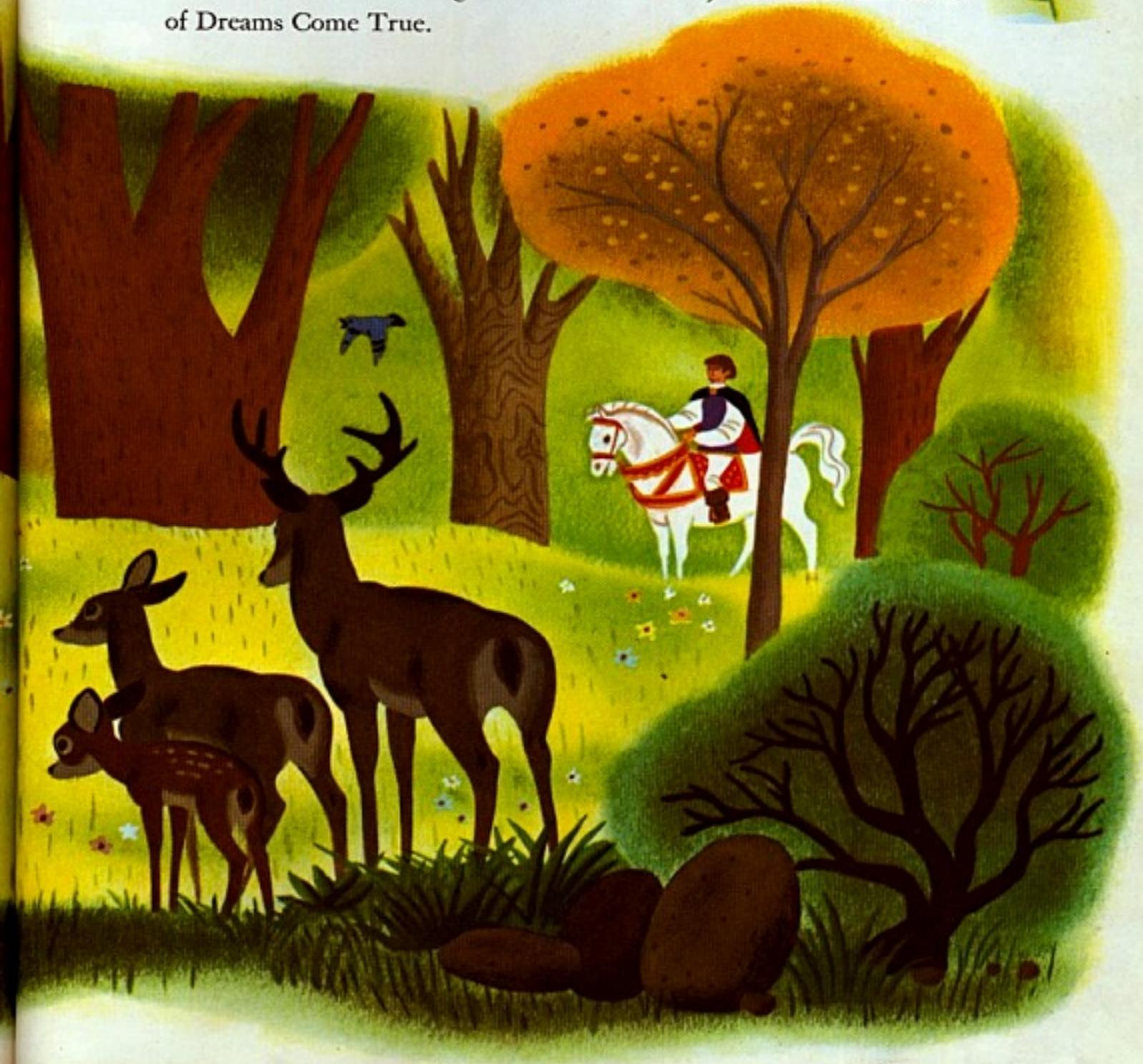
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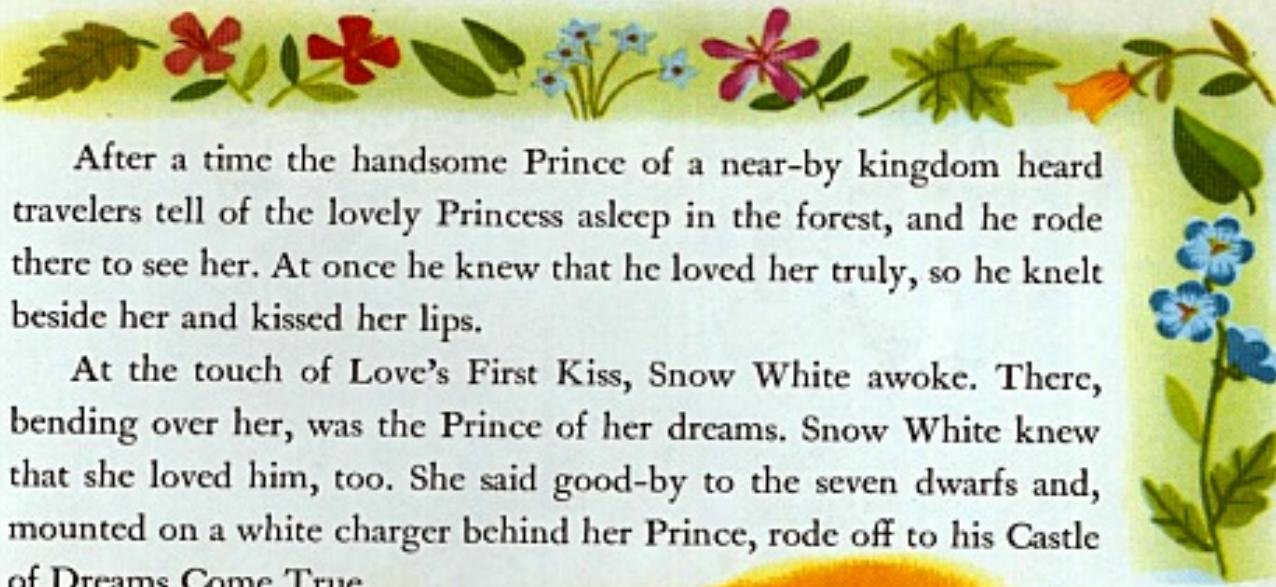




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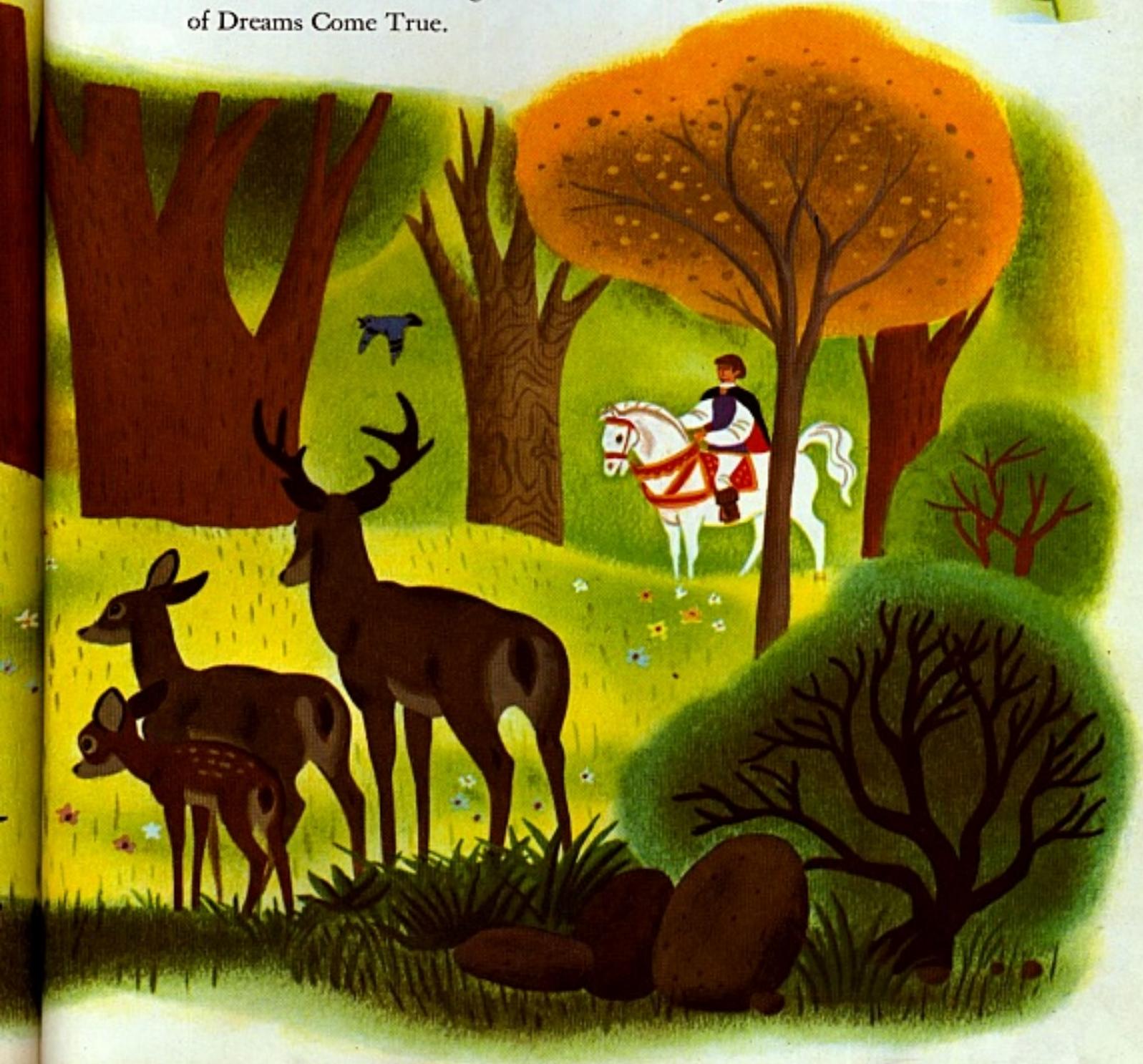
At the touch of Love's First Kiss, Snow White awoke. There, bending over her, was the Prince of her dreams. Snow White knew that she loved him, too. She said good-by to the seven dwarfs and, mounted on a white charger behind her Prince, rode off to his Castle of Dreams Come True.





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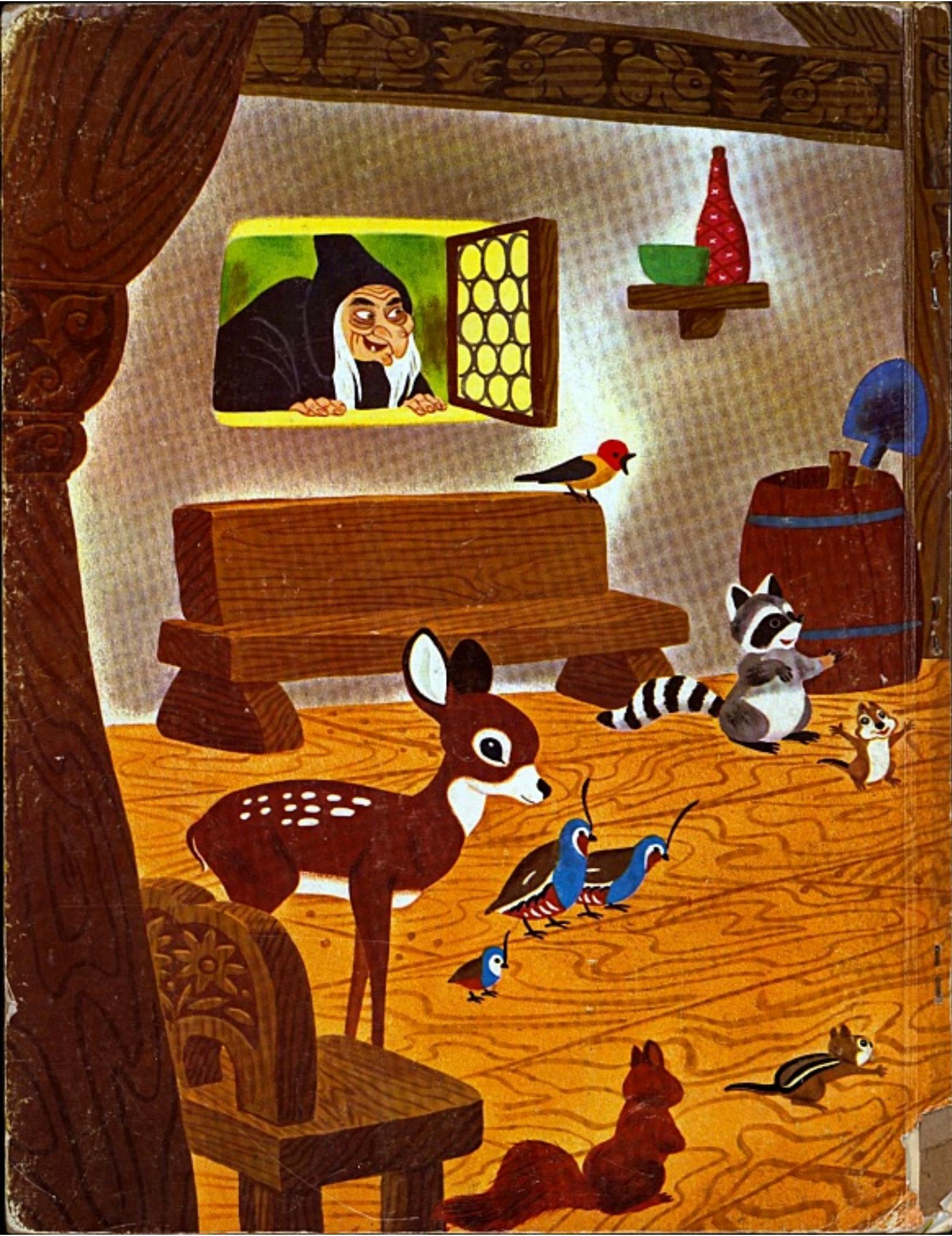












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